Dewan's reply.—The question has formed the subject of correspondence with the Government of India and the Darbar will be glad to do what may be possible in the matter.

Subject No. 3. Game Law.

Mr. Digby T. Brett, who had only recently seen the proposed "Regulation to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of wild animals and birds and to provide for the protection of Game and Fish in the Territories of Mysore," promised to circulate it among the Planters' Associations and stated that early legislation was necessary. He approved of the standing orders under which Government State Forests were, during certain seasons, closed to shooting, and pointed out that the orders were not strictly carried out. European sportsmen who generally go with many followers are found out and stopped. But not so the surrounding villagers who often go about shooting without let or hindrance.

Dewan's reply.—The subject of *enforcing* a close season in State Forests will be referred to the Inspector General of Forests for attention.

Subject No. 4. Railway to the West Coast.

Mr. Digby T. Brett urged that the line proposed by Colonel Lindsay to connect the Mysore system with the West Coast, was preferable to the one which seems to be in favor now. It was to take off a line from Kadur to Chikmagalur, Saklespur and down Ghaut to Mangalore. This would be better than the one from Arsikere to Hassan and onwards and would benefit not merely the coffee trade, but trade in all products. Chikmagalur is fast rising in importance and becoming the centre of all kinds of trade. The Chikmagalur line should therefore have precedence.

Dewan's reply.—We thoroughly appreciate the desire of the Planters for a line through Chikmagalur. It shall receive careful consideration with other alternative projects.

Subject No. 5. Birur-Shimoga Railway.

Mr. B. Garudachar, B. A., B. L., (Advocate, R. M. from Shimoga Taluk) submitted that when application was made for a Bridge across the Bhadra near Tadasa, the Dewan observed that it might become unnecessary when the Birur-Shimoga Railway was made. This Railway should be commenced early. It should not be postponed in favor of other projected lines. The distance is short, being only 38 miles and construction is easy.

Dewan's reply.—We have the project ready and the estimated cost is 32 lakhs. We are waiting for a favorable opportunity to start work. On what terms and by what agency the project should be undertaken are under consideration.

Subject No. 6. Cattle Trespass Act.

Mr. Graham Anderson (Planter R. M. from South Mysore Planters' Association) alluded with satisfaction to the